

Kansas Hospital Association News

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Congressman Moran Awarded by Kansas Hospitals

Congressman Jerry Moran has been named as the first recipient of the Kansas Hospital Association Distinguished Health Care Advocate Award. He was honored by the members of the Kansas Hospital Association at the opening ceremony of the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Topeka on Nov. 14.

Earlier this year, the Kansas Hospital Association Board of Directors established this new award to recognize individuals, organizations or groups who provide exemplary contribution to the health and well-being of the people of Kansas through their leadership in the political or policy arena.

Congressman Moran was nominated for the Distinguished Health Care Advocate Award by Susan Page, President and CEO of Pratt Regional Medical Center, and Jim Reagan, CEO of Morris County Hospital in Council Grove. Congressman Moran's nominations were full of examples of the outstanding work he has done for Kansas hospitals, for instance:

"Congressman Moran is a leading advocate for health care reform and works to ensure that our state and nation have the highest quality, affordable health care available. Seventy-five hospitals are located in the first congressional district and Congressman Moran has visited all 75 of them, allowing him to see first-hand the challenges facing rural health care providers ."

"Congressman Moran has led his colleagues in Congress through his work with the Rural Health Care Coalition, of which he is the former chairman and is currently a steering committee member. He was the principal sponsor of an expansion of the J-1 Visa Waiver program, which brings more physicians to underserved, rural areas."

KHA's Distinguished Health Care Advocate Award allows Kansas hospitals to recognize those true health care champions who work tirelessly toward a better system. Congressman Moran not only accepted his award on Nov. 14, but shared his thoughts about the recent election and the effects it may have on health care policy in the next year. Congressman Moran also took questions from the audience of approximately 600 health care professionals.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a not-for-profit association of health care provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the health improvement of their communities. KHA membership includes 136 member facilities, of which 125 are full-service community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA maintains its vision of "an organization of hospitals working together to improve access, quality and the affordability of health care for all Kansans."

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